

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

The listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

1. (Canceled)
2. (Canceled)
3. (Canceled)
4. (Canceled)
5. (Canceled)
6. (Previously presented) A windshield wiper assembly, comprising:
at least one elongate tubular frame member, and
a plurality of pivot mechanisms, each pivot mechanism having
 a flange portion having an open surface for mounting to an exterior
surface of the tubular frame member and
 a pin mounting portion, and
a retaining assembly for retaining the pivot mechanisms to the tubular frame member;
 wherein said open surface is arcuate in cross section to substantially conform to
the outside diameter of the elongate tubular frame member; and

wherein said retaining assembly is comprised of at least one clip portion which surrounds said elongate tubular frame member and said pivot mechanism, retaining them together.

7. (Previously presented) The windshield wiper assembly of claim 6, wherein said retaining assembly is comprised of two clip portions, which flank said pin mounting portion, and which circumscribe the combination of said elongate tubular frame member and said pivot mechanism.

8. (Original) The windshield wiper assembly of claim 7, wherein said pivot mechanism, on a face opposite said arcuate open surface, has indentations, and said two clip portions have free ends which are crimped into said indentations.

9. (Original) The windshield wiper assembly of claim 8, further comprising piercing pins extending through said flange portion and extend into said elongate tubular frame member.

10. (Original) The windshield wiper assembly of claim 9, wherein said elongate tubular frame member includes mounting members to mount said assembly.

11. (Original) The windshield wiper assembly of claim 10, wherein said mounting members are defined by a portion of said elongate tubular frame member, flattened and formed with an aperture therethrough.

12. (Canceled)

13. (Canceled)

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14. (Canceled)

15. (Canceled)

16. (Canceled)

17. (Canceled)

18. (Canceled)

19. (Canceled)

20. (Canceled)